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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT/EARLY WARNING: CONSTRUCTION OF TWO
TOWNS IN WESTERN IRAQI DESERT

REF: (A) USDOC 21621, (B) TEHRAN 12373

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES AT QAIM AND AKASHAT TOWNS IS
FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY.

2. STATE ORGANIZATION FOR MINERALS INFORMS US THAT IT
MAY INVITE OFFERS AS SOON AS EARLY JANUARY 1977, AND IT
REQUESTS THAT LETTERS OF INTEREST DETAILING BACKGROUND
AND CAPABILITY OF PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS BE SUBMITTED ASAP.
USINT LEARNS THAT MAIN COMPETITORS FOR HOUSING PROJECT
ARE KLOCKNER (GERMANY) AND SIX/CONSTRUCT (BELGIUM).
KLOCKNER IS IMPLEMENTING PHASE TWO OF PHOSPHATES PROJECT
(WATER SUPPLY TO MINING AND INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES). SIX-
CONSTRUCT IS DOING CIVIL WORKS FOR SYBETRA WHICH IS
IMPLEMENTING PHASES ONE AND THREE OF PROJECT (MINING AND
INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES).

3. COMPLETION DATES FOR INDIVIDUAL PHASES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
PHOSPHATE COMPLEX AS A WHOLE IS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN OPERATING IN
1978, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WILL NOT BE READY BY THEN.
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BASICALLY PROJECT CONSISTS OF MINING (ESTIMATED CAPACITY:
3.4 MILLION TONS/YEAR) OF PHOSPHATE AT AKASHAT IN WESTERN
IRAQ NEAR SYRIAN BORDER AND THEN TRANSPORTING IT ABOUT
150 KMS. TO QAIM ON THE EUPHRATES RIVER FOR
PROCESSING INTO PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS (ESTIMATED PRODUCTION:
ONE MILLION TONS A YEAR).

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